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Gathering clues

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School drama club hosted an evening of murder mystery dinner theatre on Friday, where guests were treated to a night of entertainment and intrigue. The drama club performed the famed whodunit murder mystery *Clue* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Theatre following four-course meal. The drama club performed three shows over the weekend. See more photos on page 10. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



Dysart gives conditions for farmers' market return to Head Lake Park

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When local farmers do well, they are incentivised to produce more, and other people become willing to give it a try.

A key piece to the success puzzle for a local farmer is a familiar and easily acces-

sible location for a marketplace.

Angel Taylor, a founding member of the market, and local beekeeper Ron Loft-house urged Dysart council when it met Dec. 12 to permit the market's return to Head Lake Park from Rotary Beach Park.

And, as preparations for next year's market is in the offing, a quick council decision is paramount.

"We would like to see a flourishing market in a flourishing community," Taylor said. "Head Lake Park, we know, is a place where the market flourishes."

It's been the site of the market for 11 years and draws as many as 20,000 visitors each year.

Aisha Malik, co-chairperson of Harvest Haliburton, said in a letter to council that

the market's positive impact benefitted the local community and contributed to the vibrancy and economic health of Haliburton.

But there's been a hitch.

"The decision to relocate the market has had severe repercussions," Malik said in her letter. "The fallout has been signifi-

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County council keeps Danielsen as warden

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Haliburton County council voted to stay its course and continue with its most familiar warden at the helm.

The upper tier council chose to return Algonquin Highlands Mayor Liz Danielsen as warden for another one-year term. She was elected over Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter.

Danielsen has been elected to the warden's chair for five years, which is a Haliburton County record.

"I fully acknowledge that I've held the position for an unprecedented period of time," Danielsen said. "But then again these last few years have truly been unprecedented times."

During her tenure, the county implemented septic inspection programs and passed the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw.

"Both to the greatest extent possible to protect the health of our lakes," she said. "Lakes that form the foundation of our economy, not to mention our personal health and well-being."

County council completed a service delivery review and have set eyes on a course toward achieving efficiencies and future success, she said. But she acknowledged that there is still work to be done.

"We still have to complete the establishment of the much-anticipated police board," Danielsen said. "We're also finally reaching completion of the draft short-term rental bylaw—another piece of extremely contentious legislation."

County staff is the most important resource, she said.

"And one that we need to have very careful regard for," she said.



Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, was returned to the Haliburton County warden's seat during a special meeting of council Dec. 12. She was chosen by her upper tier council members over Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter. Danielsen said there are many tough decisions ahead for county council, given the difficult economic times faced by each lower tier municipality and the county. /FILE

Algonquin Highlands has its municipal house in order, she said, and that enables her to maintain a steely focus on county issues.

It's been questioned whether the position of warden should be term-elected or have a sort of turn-taking mechanism to fill the seat.

"Depending on the circumstances, is it not better for council to consider who the best suited candidate is to be at the head of the table rather than simply acquiescing to whose turn it is?" Danielsen said.

"Taking turns isn't always the right

direction. Who you feel is the right candidate for a given time is."

Danielsen was nominated to continue as warden or another year by Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey and Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton.

At the foundation of his choice of nominee is three important things, Fearrey said. They are job performance, experience, and communication.

He said Danielsen's performance in the Big Chair over the last year has been more than excellent.

"She attends everything she should attend and even some time things, probably, that she doesn't really need to but is important to the county," Fearrey said, and added that she cares just as much about the county as she does her township.

Fearrey has seen over the last 40 years that there have been few communicators as good as Danielsen.

"She listens to us all," he said. "She doesn't necessarily agree with us all, but she finds a compromise. That's what being warden is all about."

In making his case to be warden, Carter said most people don't like change, but it's inevitable. Change is seen in employment, government, climate, the level of health service, the manner of health care, and in legislation.

"We have a couple of questions," Carter said. "The questions are how do we adapt to the change and how do we deal with it?"

Rural community councils have a more difficult scratch than colleagues in larger urban centres.

"We don't have a large industrial or commercial base that serves as a foundation for our revenues," he said. "Any dollars that we get have to come from the resi-

dents of Haliburton County."

Many of those people are trying to make ends meet with fixed incomes, seasonal work, or with the traditionally lower wages from the service industry.

"We have to make sure that every dollar we get from those people is spent wisely and is spent correctly," he said.

He said there are wonderful people in the county, volunteers and staff. They have to be utilized as best as possible.

"We have to work better together," Carter said. "We have to work better together with other communities across Ontario, particularly in eastern Ontario. And we have to work together better here in Haliburton County. We have to try to spend the money as wisely as we can."

"Those are the areas of most importance to me. Those are the areas I would like to focus on."

Carter was nominated by Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailoux and Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell.

Schell said she's worked with Carter for five years and he's proven his dedication to his role in that time.

She said Danielsen has done a fine job as warden, but she chose to nominate Carter "to keep with the original intent of the warden's position in that it be shared amongst the four municipalities during the term of council by all interested candidates."

Though she nominated Carter, Schell acknowledged that the county will be in good hands for the next year regardless of the contest's outcome.

Dailoux, who serves as Danielsen's deputy mayor but put Carter's name in the hat for warden, declined to comment about her choice of nominee.

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Market a 'vital source of income' to many vendors

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cant."

Malik said attendance has fallen off to 13,500 visitors, and that's reduced vendors' income to about 40 per cent compared to when the market was at Head Lake Park.

The Tuesday market day used to be a fun day, said David Zilstra, chairperson of the Haliburton Downtown Business Area (BIA). They were more successful, too.

He wrote in a letter of support for the move to Head Lake Park that average sales for Country Pickins dropped 40 to 60 per cent each Tuesday in 2023 compared to the previous year.

At Glecoff's Family Store, Tuesday sales were down 15 per cent compared to 2022.

And Tuesday sales at Russell Red Records fell off by as much as 30 per cent.

Taylor said the Head Lake Park location benefits local agricultural endeavours.

Malik agreed in her letter to council.

"It is crucial to recognize that supporting the Farmer's Market is not only about sustaining a beloved community event but also about nurturing and encouraging our fragile local agriculture," Malik said.

"The market at Head Lake Park has become a vital source of income for many vendors, and its relocation jeopardizes the livelihoods of those who rely on it."

Taylor said Head Lake Park is more accessible to more people with mobility issues and mothers pushing strollers.

Lofthouse said amenities like good washrooms and access to clean water make Head Lake Park desirable.

Taylor said the people who run the market are willing to change its hours if that's something that would simplify a shift to the park.



"We're certainly willing to look at that, talk about it, and accommodate," she said during the Dec. 12 council meeting.

She said market organizers will soon distribute applications to local producers for the coming year.

"Vendors need to know what and where they are applying to go," Taylor said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey asked how many Haliburton County producers take part in the farmers' market.

"Our two biggest producers are from out of county," Taylor said, and added that there's space for people who run smaller operations to sell their produce and wares.

"We do well in this county with animal husbandry," she said.

Fearrey said he's heard people in the community remark about damage to the park caused by the market. That's out-of-county vendors who come into Dysart, take customers' money, and then leave.

A flurry of action unfolded during the first day of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market in 2022, the last time it was held in Head Lake Park near the town docks. /FILE

be maintained and repairs made to damaged areas. All that has a cost.

"They (vendors) are bringing money in," he said. "I understand. But there's a lot of money going out of here also."

Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts is concerned about parking should the market return to Head Lake Park. Particularly, the safe passage of traffic.

"Some days in the summer you couldn't whip a fire truck down through there just because people are parking haphazardly," she said. "So that needs to be more managed, if at all possible."

Andrea Mueller, the township's programs and events manager, said there's a low area at Head Lake Park where they don't want any vendors to set up. And patrons of the farmers' market would need to avoid certain parts when the trail is wet.

"I think our biggest thing, though, is being able to direct the flow of traffic into the park with any event," she said.

Fearrey suggested vehicles be directed to park at Rotary Beach Park. Forty vendors in Head Lake Park would be better served by parking at Rotary Beach Park.

Fearrey suggested each of the 40 vendors could pony up \$25 every Tuesday. That could be used toward site maintenance.

"I think that's fair," Casey said. "It'll help build up a fund, and we'll be able to fix things as we see at the end of the season that needs to be fixed."

Council decided to allow the return to Head Lake Park, provided the market's hours are changed to be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and that organizers charge vendors a fee per market day to be directed to the municipality for park repairs. Parking is to be encouraged at the Rotary Park side.

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Fleming HSA+D's student residence is set to open in January of 2025. /Submitted



Ground was broken at the site of HSA+D's soon to be student residence by Fleming College board chair Don Gillespie, Ontario Minister Jill Dunlop, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, Fleming College president Maureen Adamson, Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey, and Fleming College Indigenous Knowledge Leader Liz Stone on Friday, Dec. 15.

HSA+D student residence to open January 2025

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The groundbreaking ceremony for a long-awaited important building at Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art + Design was held on Friday, Dec. 15.

Students of the school will be able to live and stay right next door to their classes in just over a year at a new \$16 million residence, the very first for Fleming's Haliburton campus.

Two pavilions will be home to 47 beds total divided into one bedroom and two bedroom units.

Some will be accessible.

Since the college's opening on College Drive in Haliburton in 2004, students had been left to find housing

in town - a difficult feat in a community with limited affordable options.

"Access to affordable housing is important for the well-being and success of Ontario's postsecondary students," said Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop in a press release. "With this new student residence, Fleming College is providing more learners with local housing options so they can focus on their studies and feel part of their postsecondary community."

The residence will be able to be used by full time students in certificate and diploma programs from fall to spring, and by students taking week or weekend-long programs and workshops in the spring and summer.

Fleming College says the residence will open in January 2025 in time for the winter semester.

New HE municipal office to take two-phased approach

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Highlands East council will take a two-phased approach toward a proposed municipal office construction project.

Brittany McCaw, the township's treasurer and deputy CAO, recommended to council during its Dec. 12 meeting that the project be undertaken in two phases. She said a request for proposals for the municipal office's development and design would be the opening phase, followed by a RFP for the tender, construction, and contract administration phase.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said he likes the strategy but it may be cheaper to go with an educational institution for the first phase.

"It should be investigated because, in previous times, I've found that it could be as low as 25 to 30 cents on the dollar, which is a significant amount even when you're looking at \$200,000," Ryall said.

The total cost of the design bid was \$376,890 plus HST.

Of the total project amount, \$255,000 was for the development and design phase. The remaining \$121,890 was for the project tender and contract administration phase.

These figures will be further discussed through the 2024 capital forecasting session.

The need for a new municipal office facility was discussed during the 2023 capital forecasting session and then included in the budget as a 2023 capital project.

Throughout 2023, municipal staff prepared a design bid build RFP. The scope of work was broken down into two phases. The first phase consisted of developing a detailed municipal office design and parking lot. Phase 2 consisted of the proponent assisting in putting the construction of the project out to tender based on the specifications presented in the RFP.

When the initial submitted proposal came forward for approval, council expressed concern around the costs of the proposal being recommended for award.

So to provide further information to council pertaining to costs related to construction projects, staff researched six recent municipal office construction builds in comparable municipalities and some of the costs associated with completing those projects.

Most saw design costs in the area of \$200,000 and overall construction costs between \$3-million and \$6-million.

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Fear fuels effort to regulate short-term rentals

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Just because you can, doesn't mean you should.

According to at least one Highlands East tourism accommodations operator, that especially applies to governing short-term rentals (STRs) and introducing a municipal accommodation tax.

Elizabeth Oakley runs The River's Edge on the banks of the Irondale River. She's also a volunteer community leader for an Airbnb social media members' group. And she told township council during its Dec. 12 regular meeting that she has concerns about the regulations and the municipal accommodation tax (MAT) proposed by Haliburton County as a means to govern short-term rentals.

She suggested Haliburton County pause and take a spell before implementing the STR program. She suggested the best course of action would be a phased-in approach to the program followed by a study of its first year to gauge its impacts.

Oakley said she bought the property a little more than a year ago.

"We were looking for a little piece of heaven to retire to away from Barrie," she said.

As with 80 per cent of Airbnb hosts, the property is their primary residence, she said. The previous owners operated the property as a short-term rental as well.

"We are not speculators, nor are we absentee hosts," Oakley said. "We take

great pride in welcoming people who have never been to Haliburton County."

She acknowledged that there have been careless operators that have permitted loud parties, fireworks, parking complaints, and trash left by patrons.

"All have contributed to what is now an all-out war against STRs," Oakley said, and added that there are an estimated 253 such properties in Highlands East.

Regarding licensing STRs, Oakley said many operators agree in principle. But the cost of licensing has to be reasonable.

"We want to operate legally and will comply with whatever is required to be fully licensed," she said.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall has previously suggested the annual cost to license properties should be in the range of \$250 to \$500.

"If that fee stays within that range, we're in full support of this initiative as it puts us all on a level and legal playing field," she said.

A MAT, which will accompany the STR regulations, is a point of concern. She said it's fundamentally flawed and a cash-grab for municipalities to compensate for budget shortfalls.

County council has proposed establishing a non-profit entity that will use half the MAT for initiatives to promote tourism in the region.

"While that's lovely in theory, the reality doesn't hold," she said, and added that just 66 municipalities of Ontario's 444 have instituted such a tax because there is no system in place to monitor compliance.

As part of its proposal, Haliburton

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— Elizabeth Oakley, a B&B owner

most economically downturned in the province.

"There are cottagers in abundance who appear to be the main drivers of this attack on STRs, along with hotels and resorts who might feel threatened," Oakley said.

But she's confident a middle ground can be found to appease cottagers and permanent residents while stoking a thriving STR industry.

"Questionable items are being thrown into the legislation that will gravely impact hosts, such as the shoreline allowance," she said.

Part of the county's proposed STR regulations is that owners have to purchase the shoreline allowance of the property being offered for rent.

"My worry is that there is significant pressure being put on municipalities to rush this flawed legislation through without fully examining the impact it will have, not only on STRs but to the local businesses and those employed by them, in the long run," Oakley said.

County is looking at tapping a third party to monitor STR regulation compliance and the license fee and MAT compliance.

Aside from cottagers and recreational users of Haliburton's forests and trails, Highlands East is not a tourism destination. In fact, she alleged, it is one of the

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The best album

I FEEL SIMILAR to Lynda Shadbolt in her column this week. It's easy to feel like a broken record when writing an opinion piece every seven days.

Like everyone, I obviously have opinions on many things in life.

But for the most part, the same ideals shine through every single one.

The subject matter is usually different, but the main idea always comes down to: be a good human.

I was hesitant to write about the holidays for this one, to avoid feeling like that broken record.

"Spread love, be supportive and generous, help when you can."

I'm lucky to be one that gets their opinions shared in print, but when will I have written "be a good person" and "do the right thing" too many times?

The longer I searched for another angle, hoping for some kind of revolutionary way of thinking about the holiday season, another point came to me.

Those things aren't a broken record.

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Like the Beatles' *Abbey Road*, I think talking about love and generosity can't possibly ever get old.

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I was reminded of this when I visited Abbey Retreat Centre last week for the announcements of some grants they had received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

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In fact, some of the individuals who got up to speak said focusing on others actually overflows their own cup.

I also attended the Haliburton County Community Cooperative's speaker series last Wednesday with a presentation by Andrea Hagarty and Johnny Waite about their latest sailing adventure in the Philippines.

I love attending those presentations.

My coworkers joke that the Fish Hatchery is my "happy place" because of them.

Of course that's because the speakers are always interesting. But, it's also because I know what smiling faces will be there to greet everyone at the door.

I always love seeing Sean Pennylegion, Jack Brezina, Tammy Rea, and Barrie Martin because they're clearly so happy to be there, volunteering their time to host the series.

Their joy is contagious and truly brightens up the room on chilly winter evenings.

I'm convinced it's what gets everyone out of their cozy homes after dinner.

If this editorial is just yet another remind to spread love and light this season, then I think that's exactly where I want it to be.

So I'm sending all my love to you and yours for the holidays.

It always pays to be a good human. See you in the New Year!



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The Redwing Frond sculpture at Haliburton Sculpture Forest. /Emily Stonehouse

Awe!

IT'S THE last few days before Christmas.

I'm sitting by our tree, the lights are on, and it's very peaceful.

Madeline will be home in a few days, and I am so excited to have a few days with her. And, I am contemplating what to write for this article.

I feel like I say the same things every week. Choose love. Always be connected to the goodness that you are. You belong. You are in a relationship with all of life. Life loves you.

And I think all of this is important to remember as we go into the holiday season. It is so easy for all of us to be in our heads and get stressed and anxious and worry about many little and big things.

The stress and worry can make us feel contracted and tight and small, and that might lead to feelings of exhaustion or a sense of separation and loneliness.

It's amazing what our thoughts can do to us. Or we can choose to intentionally be connected to something larger than ourselves.

I recently listened to a podcast with Dacher Keltner PhD and Tara Brach. Dacher is a professor of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, a scientist and the co-director of the Greater Good Science Center.

He has authored a number of books, including bestselling *Born to be Good* and most recently *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How it Can Transform Your Life*.

I asked Santa for this book and hope to see it under my tree on Christmas morning. In the podcast,

Tara and Dacher talk about the science behind what happens when we intentionally look for and experience the feelings of being in wonder and awe that is all around us in our everyday life.

He talks about the power of being in nature where there are no personalities to influence what is going on.

Standing under a million stars at night, or really taking in the beauty as you look your living room window, or walking in the quiet woods - having a felt sense of being a part of something much larger than yourself.

Taking the time to be in awe and wonder. And when we feel that sense of connection and awe we naturally feel love, connection, hope and a sense of belonging.

And that feels so good. Dacher and Tara talk about the power of music and what happens when people join together to listen or

sing and play.

They also talked about experiencing the same things looking at a piece of art - the feelings of love and connection and belonging strengthen and then we are happier in our lives.

How fortunate are we to live in a county surrounded by lakes and trees and the beautiful evening skies.

How fortunate are we to have so much music through our radio stations and our Folk Society and our many choirs and performing groups.

How lucky we are to have all the artists in our county. There are endless opportunities to be in awe. And that is the best Christmas gift of all.

Peace and love everyone!

Tales from the great



lynda shadbolt

Green meadow

points of view

Last minute gift giving advice

OK PEOPLE, it's crunch time! To be clear, this is a sentence that should never be read aloud when you are laying on a hospital table waiting for a colonoscopy. But it is a great sentence to describe the urgency we last-minute Christmas gift buyers are facing.

There is not a lot of time left to buy that special someone that special gift.

Fortunately for you, I happen to be a superb last-minute Christmas shopper, which means I am more than willing to squander my precious allotment of last-minute gift buying time to help you find that perfect gift.

Let's begin with the basics.

Christmas is, if I am not mistaken, on the 28th this year. This means there is no need to panic. There is still plenty of time to ask our loved ones the right questions that will point us closer to the perfect gift – cash.

The trick here is to try not to be too obvious. That's why I generally start by asking sly questions like: "Can I borrow fifty bucks?" or "How about you buying me lunch?"

If the answer is no to either, cash is probably the right gift.

If the answer is yes, however, then you must delve further, but you should do it in a subtle way that does not reveal your true intent. So, your next question

ought to be, "Hey, what do you want for Christmas?"

The only time you don't need to ask this question is if they are missing their two front teeth. Then, you can just buy them a year's supply of Chiclets, preferably the white ones.

I understand that a lot of people would look down on this approach. These keeners want you to believe that a lot of thought should be put into a Christmas gift.

That's great if you have one of those lot-of-thought brains.

That's not me, however.

As anyone who knows me can attest, I happen to have a brain with very few thoughts in it. And I'm not just bragging either. Over the years, I have had countless people point out that I don't seem to have a single thought in my head.

That leaves us with hints.

Thoughtful and prepared gift buyers will tell you that you should take note of hints year-round. But, in my experience, that rarely works.

For instance, sometime during the summer, Jenn pointed out an item she liked very much and even went so far as to say, "That would make a great Christmas gift for me. Hint, hint."

Something told me I should probably take this as a hint.

So, naturally, I wrote it down. Unfortunately, I cannot remember where.

Which just goes to prove my point. These hints rarely work out.

Still, if someone provides one, you should try to write it down in an obvious place that you will probably locate right after Christmas.

The other thing you can do is try to recall all the details of the hint conversation so that your memory might be jogged, no matter how much you hate jogging.

Fortunately, I also remember that Jenn said you could get the gift she wanted at any big box store. So that narrows it down a bit. The other positive news is that Jenn has a wonderful smile, so I can also rule out Chiclets...



steve galea

Loon Tales

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

The three factors eroding our economy

There's been a lot of talk lately that Canada is heading into a recession.

Last week, Statistics Canada reported that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) dropped more than expected. Business investment and exports also fell, while consumer spending was flat.

A number of other signs are all pointing to an economic slowdown or contraction, which is remarkable when you consider that the US, our largest trading partner, is experiencing robust growth, and when you also consider that the government is pumping record amounts of fiscal stimulus into the economy.

With all the tens of billions Ottawa is flooding into the economy, you'd think our economy would be booming instead of looking down the barrel of a recession.

For me, the question is not so much: are we heading into a recession? The question we should be asking is: why is our economy so feeble?

And I believe the answer to that question is that there are three key areas wreaking havoc on our economy, and until we deal with these three contributing factors, our economy will continue to decline year after year.

The first of these three factors is debt.

The fall economic statement announced a few weeks ago showed that the government is on track to spend \$20 billion more than it had initially indicated, and that the interest on the debt has more than doubled compared to only three years ago and will top a staggering \$60 billion five years from now. That's more than what we currently spend on health care today.

The second factor pummeling our economy is the out-of-control growth in government overhead. When I opened my own small tool and die business in the late 1950s, government spending as a percentage of National GDP was around 16 per cent. Canada's economy was robust and living standards were rising. Today, however, government spending as a percentage of National GDP is approximately 44 per cent, living standards are falling, our economy is anemic, and our middle class is being slowly eroded.

The most detrimental aspect of our ballooning bureaucracy is the stifling effect it has on business by tying up companies with red tape and obstacles that make it increasingly harder to do business in this country.

The third and final factor that's hobbling the Canadian economy is our complicated tax system. It benefits the rich and special interests and is slanted in favour of financial transactions and wealth transfer instead of investments in the real economy, which is tied to manufacturing products, growing food and extracting natural resources.

But an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities would help us address these three structural problems holding our economy back. The Charter contains the following three key responsibilities that would ensure our country is governed by sound economic principles:

Reduce our national debt by 5 percent per year for 20 years so that we will be debt-free within two decades

Shrink our swollen bureaucracy by reducing government overhead by 5 percent per year over the next decade

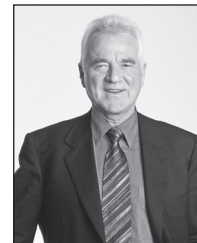
Simplify our tax system by making it black-and-white, clear-cut and fair, with no more loopholes and deductions for the rich and special interests

Not only would these three actions get Canada back on a solid economic footing, they would make our country one of the fastest-growing economies in the world.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could help restore economic growth and prosperity, email me at info@economiccharter.ca. Or to learn more about the economic charter, please visit: www.economiccharter.ca.

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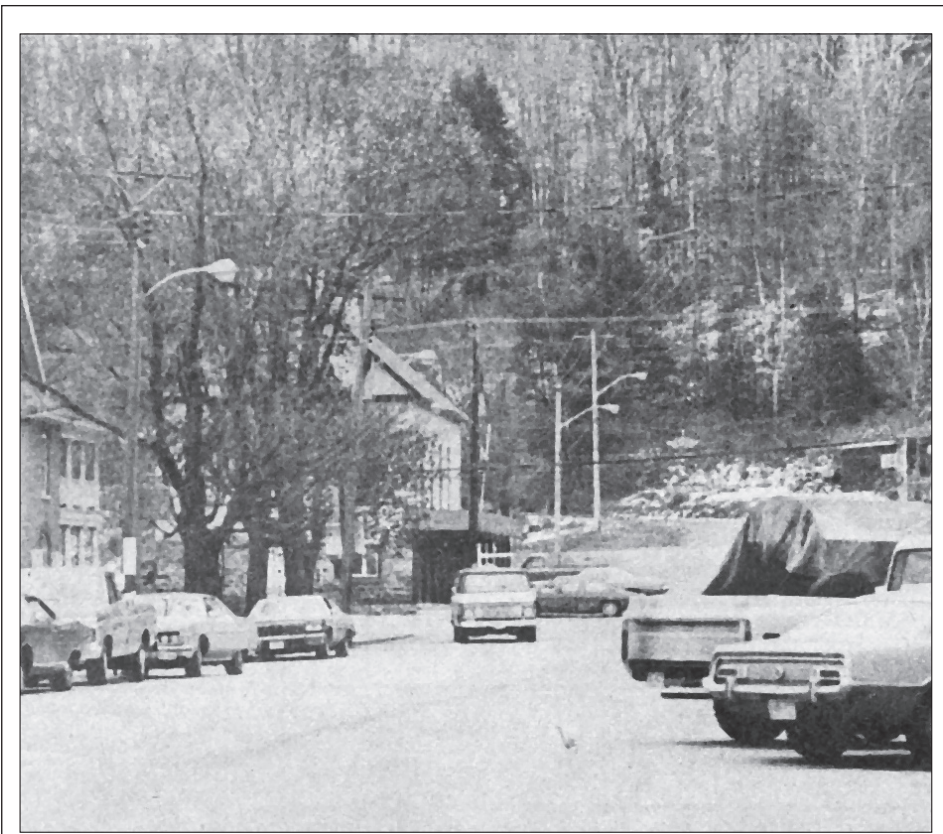
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pic of the past

Pictured is a view of Maple Avenue from the Highland Street intersection in 1976 in Haliburton. The longstanding Municipal building can be seen behind trees on the left. /FILE

letters to the editor

TC Haliburton a ‘literary humourist’ of his time

To the Editor,

I read with some confusion the articles regarding “Sam Slick Park” and the concepts I guess about political correctness.

There is no doubt that the caricature depictions of the attitude of Sam Slick towards Black people are somewhat rude and possibly construed as demeaning. However although the Sam Slick character was created by T.C. Haliburton, the caricatures were not. They were created some thirty years after the publication of the book. T.C. Haliburton was considered a literary humourist in his time of writing. It was the tongue in cheek comments on the society of the time.

Are we to ban all reference to Sam Slick because of a caricature created by someone else years after the publication of the work?

Should Shakespeare’s works that end in tragic suicide be banned for “promoting” such activity? Should Greek tragedies be put on literary hold because of prejudice to peoples? Should any reference to the “Shaw” festival be eliminated because of the attitudes of G.B. Shaw that came out in his writings? Were they his thoughts or was he reflecting the attitude of society of the time?

You cannot rewrite history by inserting it into your so called “principles” of today.

The park is a park. If it offends you don’t use it.

But really this controversy is as Shakespeare said “Much ado about nothing” or in modern song “smoking cigarettes and watching Captain Kangaroo oh don’t tell me I have nothing to do.”

Don’t get slickered by modern Sam Slicks.

David Bishop
Haliburton

Thank you, En Route Towing, for Saving Santa

On Friday Nov. 24, after the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade, while putting Santa’s float away, a tie rod broke, and Santa’s float was stranded precariously on the side of Kashagawigamog Lake Road.

With the help of the OPP, En Route Towing and Recovery was contacted, and Rick Lichty spent almost an hour to move the float from a very awkward and dangerous position to a safe spot in “Marty’s yard”. When asked the cost he replied: “You’re Lions. You do good work in the community. No charge.” And further, he offered to come back and weld the broken joint as well as reinforce the other side. Again, no charge. “Whatever you think the payment should be, put it back into the community.”

And that is exactly what we will be doing. Thank you, Rick, for being a great community supporter. Many thanks also to the OPP Officer who stayed with us until the float was safely off the road. Rick most certainly proved that kindness matters and his help for the Haliburton Lions was heartfelt and is most sincerely and gratefully appreciated and acknowledged. So don’t worry, kids. Santa’s float is back in good shape and ready for Christmas Eve.

Lion David Mills on behalf of the
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ARC receives OTF grants to fund facility advancements

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) has received \$103,200 in Capital grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to fund a new heat unit and other improvements to the facility.

The grants were celebrated on Friday, Dec. 15 at ARC by staff, board members, OTF members, and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

"The new equipment has significantly and positively impacted the experiences of people living with cancer that have come here," said ARC executive director Barb Smith-Morrison. "These enhancements have also been a gift to us as staff and to all of our volunteers as we create the safe and loving and healing community together."

ARC offers in-person retreats in Algonquin Highlands and online programs for those facing a cancer diagnosis, free of charge to participants.

"Although there are no fees associated with participating in one of our retreats or online gatherings, it takes a generous and caring community to financially support our retreats and online programs," says an ARC statement.

OTF, an agency of the government of Ontario, provides grants to social service organizations.

Scott congratulated ARC for all of their success with their retreat programs.

"The Abbey Retreat Centre is a special spot, and you can feel the mood and the calming force that's here and all of the great work that you've been doing for many years now," Scott said. "The two grants are all to help continue to have a vibrant and up to date place in order for survivors, families, and people with cancer to have that lovely tranquil experience."

Smith-Morrison shared the testament of an attendee of a retreat from this past summer to explain the important work of the centre.



Barb Smith-Morrison, Abbey Retreat Centre executive director, announces two Capital grants given to ARC by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott congratulates Abbey Retreat Centre on their Capital grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation on Friday, Dec. 15.

"I can't say enough about the wonderful retreat facility nestled in the natural beauty of the Haliburton Highlands. I can't say enough about the entire staff, who expertly guided us through a wide range of experiences such as yoga, expressive arts, connecting in nature, drumming. And then there was the time spent exploring the challenges and successes of our cancer journeys. The retreat left me feeling recharged, and I wish it could be a priority wherever anyone might be on their cancer jour-

ney," read the testament.

She highlighted the warmth of the room, and said everyone was toasty thanks to the OTF grant and the purchase of a new heating system.

"Your support changes the lives of people living with cancer. Both those living with a diagnosis and their caregivers. Events like this allow us to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. These kinds of projects also build community," Smith-Morrison said.

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Colonel Mustard, played by Hayden Thorn, makes his entrance as Yvette the maid, played by Ireland Meyer, and Wadsworth the butler, played by Annabelle Borgdorff, greet him at the door during HHSS' production of Clue. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



Wadsworth the butler and Miss Scarlet exchange pleasantries.



Professor Plum, played by Paytra Mylan-Goulet, and Miss Scarlet, played by Marley Mariani, make their entrance during Friday night's performance of Clue.



Wadsworth the butler, Colonel Mustard, Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mr. Green, played by Brody Bolger, Mrs. Peacock, played by Olivia Humphries and Mrs. White, played by Lillian Ramsdale.



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Fleming College Haliburton School of Art + Design hosted its semester-ending Wrap it Up exhibit on Saturday.



HSA+D Wraps It Up

Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art + Design "Wrap It Up" end of term student exhibit was held on Saturday, Dec. 16 and gave the community the opportunity to see what HSA+D classes had worked on over the past semester. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Zenon Bigg continues to work on his craft during the Wrap it Up exhibit on Saturday.



Costume designer Courtney Fleming poses for a photo with her work on Saturday.

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- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Droops
 - 5. Subatomic particle
 - 10. Not in danger
 - 14. Nursemaid
 - 15. Black band worn in mourning
 - 16. Long song in opera
 - 17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
 - 18. Chicago political family
 - 19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
 - 20. Appetizer
 - 22. Hill (Celtic)
 - 23. Simple shoe
 - 24. Songs to one you love
 - 27. Secret activities
 - 30. Upset
 - 31. Popular hot drink
 - 32. Body art (slang)
 - 35. Fired
 - 37. Blood relation
 - 38. Identical
 - 39. Porticos
 - 40. Partner to cheese
 - 41. Type of sword
 - 42. Enough (archaic)
 - 43. Surface layer of ground
 - 44. Cotton fabric woven like satin
 - 45. Choose for a post
 - 46. Father
 - 47. Tell on
 - 48. Indian title of respect
 - 49. Fonts
 - 52. Fencing sword
 - 55. Mock
 - 56. Vaccine developer
 - 60. Atmosphere surrounding a person or place
 - 61. Marten with a short tail
 - 63. Chinese temple
 - 64. Invests in little enterprises
 - 65. Popular cut of meat
 - 66. Charity
 - 67. Iron-containing compound
 - 68. River in Northern Europe
 - 69. One point east of southeast

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Exhausts
 - 2. Genus of fish related to gars
 - 3. Impudent behavior
 - 4. Adherents to Islam
 - 5. They come after A
 - 6. Spoke
 - 7. Room to receive guests
 - 8. About opera
 - 9. End-blown flute
 - 10. Heroic tales
 - 11. Member of a Semitic people
 - 12. Dog's name
 - 13. Opposite of west
 - 21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
 - 23. Ocean
 - 25. Cool!
 - 26. Young woman about to enter society
 - 27. One from central Caucasus
 - 28. Indian city
 - 29. A way to serve ice cream
 - 32. Emaciation
 - 33. Escort aircraft carrier
 - 34. Italian city
 - 36. Mythical settler of Kansas
 - 37. Unhappy
 - 38. High schoolers' test
 - 40. Measured in pace
 - 41. Satisfies
 - 43. Gullible person
 - 44. Enclosed space
 - 46. Substance used to color something
 - 47. Shirt type
 - 49. Discover by investigation
 - 50. ___-Castell, makers of pens
 - 51. Semitic Sun god
 - 52. Grads wear one
 - 53. French river
 - 54. Part of a cap
 - 57. Digestive fluid
 - 58. Metrical foot
 - 59. Body part
 - 61. Very fast airplane
 - 62. Supplement with difficulty

Answers on page 14



HCSA says ‘Safety First’

Right, HCSA President, Neil Vanderstoop, thanks Steve Harper, left, owner of Harper Powersports and Marine, for supporting the acquisition of a new snowmobile to improve safety on HCSA’s snowmobile trails. On Friday, Dec. 15, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) purchased a new snowmobile from Minden’s Harper Powersports and Marine for the upcoming season. The 2024 Ski Doo Skandic snowmobile has the capacity to carry two passengers and will be primarily used for urgent trail extractions in case of medical or other emergencies. Additionally, it will be used for trail maintenance and checking the readiness of the trails. The HCSA constructs and maintains 370 kilometers of snowmobiling trails throughout the county, most of which run through very remote areas. To ensure the safety of all users, it is crucial to have dependable equipment. And safety is their top priority. They also plan to use the new snowmobile to launch their new initiative - the Trail Ambassadors. The Trail Ambassador will be present on the trails to provide assistance, answer questions, promote proper trail usage, and ensure users' safety. HCSA extends a special thanks to Harper Powersports and Marine for their support in obtaining this new, critical equipment and is looking forward to the upcoming season. /BRITNEY PAGLIUCA Staff



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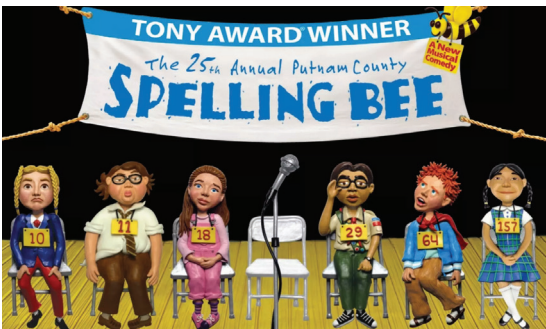
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July 2nd to July 11th



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A riotous ride, complete with audience participation, **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** is a delightful hive of comedic and musical genius.

Opens July 2 through to July 11 for nine performances, including two matinees.

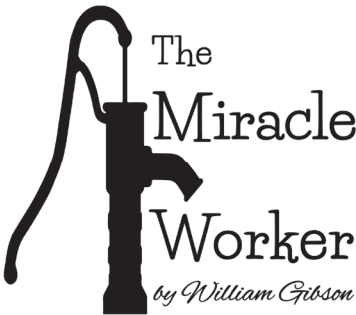
July 28th to August 2nd



Sarah, a turkey farmer, has split up with her husband and moved in with her mom, Gail, a beekeeper. Add in Earl, the flirty neighbour, and Ben, an eager young graduate student, and you have the perfect breeding ground for unlikely attractions. Set in adjoining bedrooms, **The Birds and the Bees** is a Canadian comedy about love, lust, beekeeping, and the artificial insemination of turkeys.

Six performances from July 28 to August 2. (**The Birds & The Bees** contains mature content and discussions of sex.)

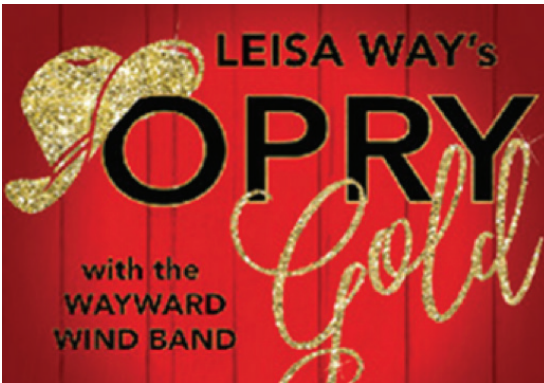
July 15th to July 23rd



Twelve-year-old Helen Keller lived in a prison of silence and darkness. Deaf, blind, and mute from an illness as a baby, with no way to express herself or comprehend those around her, she flew into primal rages against anyone who tried to help her, fighting tooth and nail with a strength born of furious desperation.

Then Annie Sullivan came. Half-blind herself, but possessing an almost fanatical determination, she would begin a frightening and incredibly moving struggle to tame the wild girl no one could reach...Opens July 15 for eight performances including three matinees.

August 4th to August 8th



Back by popular demand, Highland Summer Festival presents Leisa Way and her Wayward Wind Band with another outstanding concert, **Opry Gold**. To share the Grand Ol' Opry's history is to share the story of Country Music.

Leisa Way and her phenomenally talented band have brought audiences many great shows, and this latest concert raises the roof with the hottest country songs from the last few decades. Sing-a-long to Johnny Cash, Shania Twain, Vince Gill, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Lady Antebellum, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Charlie Daniels, Zac Brown Band, Willie Nelson, Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Hank Williams, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell, Taylor Swift, Darius Rucker, Kenny Chesney, Gretchen Wilson, George Strait, Roger Miller, Flatt & Scruggs, Ricky Scaggs, Hank Snow, Roy Acuff, Alan Jackson, and more!

Five performances starting August 4 to August 8.

July 24th to July 26th



Highlands Summer Festival is delighted to present **The Good Lovelies**, a Canadian folk/country harmony trio, consisting of Caroline Brooks, Kerri Ough and Sue Passmore. At their core they can be described as a country/folk trio, with tinges of pop, roots, jazz and sometimes hip-hop mixed in.

The group's three members, Brooks from Whitby, Ough from Port Hope and Passmore from Cobourg, were all performing as solo artists in the Toronto area when they came together in 2006 to perform at a Christmas concert at Toronto's Gladstone Hotel. The three subsequently decided to continue working together, releasing their debut EP, Oh My, in 2007. Since then, they have released nine LPs including the latest We Will Never Be The Same in 2023. In 2018, they performed at Massey Hall in Toronto and were nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award. The trio is on stage for three performances, July 24, 25 and a matinee 26.



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With the arrival of the gift giving season, many of us may be considering buying some kind of technology for our loved ones. According to Statistics Canada, in December 2017, Canadians purchased \$444.7 million in televisions and home audiovisual equipment, and \$464.4 million in computers and related equipment. Large retailers like Apple, Amazon, Walmart, and Costco earn billions of dollars in what analysts refer to as the “holiday quarter” – the last four months of the year which include pre-Christmas sales like Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as well as post-Christmas sales such as those during the week of Boxing Day. In Canada during 2021, consumer electronics made up approximately 28 per cent of online

sales. In the United States, \$173 billion worth of purchased items are expected to be returned during the holiday rush. Of those returns, stores will either stock and resell the items, sell those items to a liquidator for auction, or simply send those items to be recycled or to a landfill. All of these options have an environmental impact, whether it’s the fuel and emissions involved in the manufacture, creation, and moving of that item, the resources used to recycle that item, or the chemicals and by-products created as that item degrades in a landfill. E-waste is a growing problem in Canada and, according to a study from the University of Waterloo, is expected to reach 1.2 million tonnes annually by 2030.

This isn’t to scare you away from buying your loved ones technology for Christmas. Rather, we should be realistic about how our consumer choices impact the world around us and be mindful of those impacts while making purchases. Here are a few things you might want to think about when buying that gadget that can help lessen the impact of your purchase, save money and time, and hopefully result in a welcome gift to a loved one.

Spoil the surprise

This might seem counter-intuitive when it comes to gift giving, but it can result in a happier gift recipient and avoid having to make a return. Talk to your intended recipient about their prospective gift before you purchase. The last thing you want is to get Grandma an iPad that gets used once and then never again because she didn’t want it in the first place. How we use technology is quite personal to our day-to-day lives, and we can only really glean that from having some conversations. The more you talk with someone before you buy them a gadget of some kind, the more you can appreciate how they use technology, and what they feel their needs are. The gift not being a surprise will be secondary to the gift being exactly what the person needed.

Consider buying used

There are people who buy new gadgets on a regular cycle so they have the newest thing, but often used electronics can be found that are appropriate for the user and in good condition for a reasonable price. Many retailers carry used models that have been refurbished, and offer a guarantee that those models work within reasonable expectations. Refurbished models might not perform as well as new models, but if the person you are buying for is a fairly light user, refurbished may be a good option. The trick with buying used technology is to balance the expected lifespan of the item with the cost. If you do buy used, stick to purchasing from reputable retailers or from people you know you can trust. Buying used helps to divert technology from the landfill for at least a little while anyway.

Subsidize an already planned purchase

Technology purchases are generally big purchases, so if you know your loved one is already planning on buying something, just contribute to the cause! Give a gift card for the retailer they are planning on purchasing from or put some cash in a greeting card. This way, you’ll know that whatever they get is what they want, and that you eased the impact their purchase would have on their wallet. Contributing some money to their technology purchase could also allow them to purchase a better model than they could before.

Technology is a part of our lives, but technology purchases have a greater impact that we don’t always think about. While we can’t eliminate that impact entirely – and while corporations certainly need to do more to make the production of technology sustainable – we can work to limit our impact, especially over the holidays when technology purchasing, and the resulting flood of returns are at their peak. And if you do find yourself buying or returning something to a retailer this holiday season, be sure to remember the human toll of our spending habits and be kind to the people behind the counter.

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August 14th | 7:30-8:45pm

St. George's Anglican

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August 16th | 7:30pm

Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton Save the date and keep your mind open!



Heads in the game

The Red Hawks battled I.E. Weldon on December 14 in Haliburton. Despite a tough fight, the Hawks lost to Weldon 57-48. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



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**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

- **DATE:** Wednesday, January 10th, 2023
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom. The meeting will be live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2023-030 Harcourt Park Inc. (Smallwood)
- The following variances are requested to permit a shed to have a decreased minimum water setback, a workshop to have a decreased minimum interior side lot line setback and to increase the number of accessory structures on a lot located in the WR4L-1 zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a shed to have a minimum water setback of 7.3 metres (24 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (66 feet).
 - b) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a workshop to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 0.38 metres (1.25 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 1 metre (3.28 feet).
 - c) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit 3 accessory building (plus 1 one storey building less than 10 square metres (108 square feet) in area) as opposed to the permitted maximum of 2 (plus 1 one storey building less than 10 square metres (108 square feet) in area).
 - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 6, Block 128, Plan Straggle Lake in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Roll No. 030-000-37400-1050
2. D13-MV-2023-031 Harcourt Park Inc. (Marshall)
- The following variance is requested to permit an oversized private cabin on a lot located in the WR4L-1 zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 3.1(d)(iii) to permit the maximum gross floor area of a private cabin to be 60 square metres (645.8 square feet), which exceeds the permitted maximum gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 6, Block 134 and 135, Plan Straggle Lake, in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Roll No. 030-000-37400-0980 and 030-000-37400-0990
3. D13-MV-2023-035 The Douglas and Elizabeth Davey Family Trust
- The following variances are requested to permit a decreased water setback and decreased interior side lot line setback for a gazebo, decreased interior side lot line setback for a seasonal dwelling and an increased encroachment into an interior side lot line setback for attached deck located on a lot in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a gazebo to have a minimum water setback of 11.2 metres (36.7 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (66 feet).
 - b) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a gazebo to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 0.7 metres (2.3 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 1 metre (3.28 feet).
 - c) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 2.9 metres (9.5 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 4.5 metres (14.7 feet).
 - d) A variance to Section 3.7(a) to permit an attached deck to extend 4 metres (13.1 feet) into an interior side lot line setback as opposed to the permitted maximum of 0 metres (0 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 3, Lot 35, Plan 402, in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Roll No. 060-000-55200

FOR MORE INFORMATION about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Deputy Secretary-Treasurer at ameijer@dysartetel.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence, and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions.

A COPY OF THE DECISION will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

Birthday celebrations and family events

community news

west guilford Eleanor Cooper 754-2278

Much belatedly, but only inquired recently was the wonderful birthday down the road from me at Bartleys. Congratulations nonetheless are hearty and very happily wished to Ivy Chapple whose 105th birthday was celebrated at the end of October. The Bartleys hosted 40 friends and relatives for the occasion in their home. What good care her daughter, Debra, must take to assure her mother of such health.

This might be a good time to let me know of your special family events so that we can celebrate significant dates in your family.

As to news from the Drop-Zone. Activity there still occurs every Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. Birthday parties can be booked for children and families for Friday or Saturdays. Popular entertainment recently has been with “Pockets the Clown” which face painting is always great fun. November through to December has been booked for this kind of celebration. Call Tanya Sisson at 705-457-6959 for bookings.

As they say on ‘Canoe’, “If you don’t tell us we don’t know!”

There was the attendance of 70 at the community dinner event at Medeba on Dec. 2, the first for a few years due to the pandemic, also a delay due to the renovations for kitchen and dining room areas.

Several Guilford residents which included a few members from St. George’s congregation, swelled the congregation of St. Anthony’s services and pot luck dinner on Dec. 9. Hearty food for hearty appetites!



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

- **DATE:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2024
- **TIME:** 9:05 AM
- **LOCATION:** TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 135 MAPLE AVENUE, HALIBURTON, ONTARIO AND IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT USING ZOOM

- APPLICATIONS:**
- LANDS OF EMMERSON LUMBER LIMITED
(FILE NOS.:D08-OP-2023-003 AND D14-ZB-2023-009):
- **Purpose and Effect:**
 - i) **Application to amend the Official Plan:** The proposed amendment would change the designation on the subject property from *Urban Residential Areas* to *Commercial Areas* designation and to remove the Special Policy Area 8 from the lands known as Part Lot 17, Concession 8, Block Q, LOT 4, Plan 1 and Dysart Plan 1, Part Mill Reserve, Part Block M, Part Lots 1, 6 to 8, Block Q, Lots 2 and 3, Part Road Allowance, Part 1, Parts 2, 3 and 6, Plan 19R-8209.
 - ii) **Application to amend the Zoning By-law:** The proposed by-law would rezone the subject property from Urban Residential Type H-R3-13 zone to Highway Commercial zone.
 - This is a concurrent public meeting with respect to the proposed official plan amendment and the proposed zoning by-law amendment so that all relevant information is considered.
 - **Location:** legally Part Lot 17, Concession 8, Block Q, LOT 4, Plan 1 and Dysart Plan 1, Part Mill Reserve, Part Block M, Part Lots 1, 6 to 8, Block Q, Lots 2 and 3, Part Road Allowance, Part 1, Parts 2, 3 and 6, Plan 19R-8209 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS:
Contact the Planning and Land Information Department by appointment during regular office hours (8:30 A.M-4:30 P.M, Monday to Friday), or by contacting Kris Orsan, Manager of Planning at korsan@dysartetel.ca.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 19th day of December 2023.

Kris Orsan, CPT,
Manager of Planning
Planning and Land Information
Municipality of Dysart et al
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Requires a

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The successful candidate must have progressive municipal and accounting experience, knowledge of standard accounting practices and be highly proficient with computer software including Microsoft Office applications. They must be results oriented, have the ability to multi task and deal with staff and the public in a professional manner while working in a fast paced and demanding environment.

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The current hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$30.58

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Interested candidates should submit a detailed resume indicating your skills and experience no later than **Monday, January 08, 2024 at 4pm**. Please send your resume to:
lbacik-zanetti@haliburtoncounty.ca
Lauren Bacik-Zanetti, Human Resources Manager

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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December 14, 2023

The Corporation of the County of Haliburton

Requires an

Engineering Technologist - Operations

Reporting to the Deputy Director of Public Works, the Engineering Technologist – Operations has primary responsibility for traffic analysis and road signage. This position is responsible for undertaking research and providing field reports to support traffic, road and property analyses.

Preferred candidates will have post-secondary education in civil engineering or land development and 2 years of experience in road construction and maintenance, preferably in a municipal environment. Candidates should have knowledge of relevant legislation. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are required to work effectively with staff, contractors and the public. Candidates should be proficient in Civil 3D-AUTOCAD, Arc Map, Microsoft Office Suite, Total Station survey, and GPS technology. A valid G drivers licence is required.

For complete responsibilities and requirements of the position please see the attached job description.

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Lauren Bacik-Zanetti, Human Resources Manager
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570 NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on behalf of Felice Mueller application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for an Act to revive Qui Vive Island Club Inc. the Qui Vive Island Club Inc. Act 2023. The application may be considered by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. Any person who has an interest in the application and who wishes to make submissions, for or against the application, to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2. Dated at Portland, Oregon, USA, this 23rd day of November, 2023.FELICE MUELLER

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The family of MARY STIVER would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to wish MARY a happy 90th birthday. Mary could not believe how many people came to visit with her, she felt so special. (over 175 people came through on Saturday to see her) Mary is a very humble person and was so moved that she has touched the lives of so many people in this community both locally and as cottagers. To the extended family and friends that drove so far to visit with her, THANK YOU. Special recognition and appreciation to: Lynn Nelson for doing Marys hair that day. She looked beautiful and she felt beautiful. Steven Nipper Stevens ~ The food was amazing. Jessica Rider ~ Thanks so much for tending the bar. Independent Grocers ~ The cake was perfect.

Stanhope Fire Department for the special presentation. It meant so much to Mary. 90 Years is a landmark year and we were so pleased to receive greetings from PM Trudeau, Governor General Mary Simon and Algonquin Highlands Mayor Liz Danielson.

Also want to thank those who sent birthday wishes via email and text messages. All have been printed off and shared with her.

Advice on a long healthy life from Mary ~ Love nature, enjoy wine, and go fishing every chance you get.

Advice from the children of 90 year old parents ~ Love them every day ~ you are lucky to still have them.

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Farewell to 1993 recalls good times

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

As the year wrapped up the Echo took to the streets to find out how 1993 rated in the lives of Highlanders.

We found a degree of optimism around the county that belies the gloomy unemployment figures, the burgeoning deficit and other signs that Canada has yet to work its way out of the recession.

Have people got used to less? Are we setting our sights a little lower and finding pleasure in the simpler things in life?

There was a little unfinished business — jobs around the house, unkept resolutions, a few things on the list of to-do's that would have to wait until next year. But, for whatever the reason, when we asked them how their year had been people were generally positive about 1993. Family, friends, jobs dominated their thoughts. Some are still worried about getting a job or keeping the one they have. But most said, yes, it had been a good year.

George Gibson and Robert Bonk were having a chat outside the Cardiff post office when the Echo caught up with them. For Gibson the one remaining item on his 1993 list was finishing the installation of a shower unit in his basement. "That'll be the last thing for this year." What about his plans for 1994? "Staying alive!" said Gibson with a laugh. He would like to take off to South Carolina and do a little golfing. Robert Bonk has everything wrapped up for the year — well, except for that deck that didn't get painted. Has it been a good year? "Oh, I think so, yes."



The highlight of 1993 for Stephanie Kuno was her son Thomas Nichol

Nancy Farrell works behind the scenes. She's the cook at Lewis Stevens' Stop 35 restaurant on Highway 35 in Minden. She left the bacon sizzling on the griddle to talk about her year. The restaurant opened in the fall and Farrell started there on Day One. That's one of the reasons she rates 1993 "A good year." She didn't travel, which she'd like to do in 1994 "to the sunny south. Anywhere where it's hot," she said with a grimace at the snow falling steadily outside the window of the restaurant.

Down the highway at Petro Canada, Craig McKnight was pumping gas and wishing for better things. What didn't he do in 1993 he wished he'd done? "Quit my job!"

Rushing out of the Minden post office, Minden resident Lisa Connelly paused for a few moments to contemplate 1993. It was a good one. Connelly was the driving force behind her village's hugely successful Canada Day celebration. There wasn't much she missed this year of the things she wanted to achieve. With a self-deprecating laugh she said "I guess I'm a good person!" Getting involved in her com-

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County left at the altar

First choice CAO candidate says no, again

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

After weeks of intense negotiations, the man who was offered the job as the county's chief administrative officer has said no to the job — for the second time.

But this time the courtship seems to be truly over.

Last Monday, Matthew Savino told the acting CAO, Ernie Hills, that he would not be accepting county council's offer as the county's top bureaucrat.

At the last county council meeting, councillors voted unanimously to hire Savino, a human resources manager with the County of Lanark. Savino had been offered the job before but he turned it down, prompting council to get into another round of negotiations with him.

This latest agreement was provisional on a few last contract details being ironed out. The county's personnel committee met with Savino and voted to recommend to full council that the contract be signed. Before they could reach that point, however, Savino phoned to say that after talking with his family he wouldn't accept the job.

"I still can't get over this one," says Warden Jim McMahon after he heard the news. Asked what council would do next, he said "I wish I knew."

He says council's second choice for the job was asking for too much money, so McMahon's going to ask council to consider hiring a clerk-treasurer instead. (A clerk-treasurer would be less expensive, and would simply be involved in the nuts and bolts of county functions and accounting. A CAO would have a wider administrative role, overseeing all the various departments.)

"Some people think you get monkeys with peanuts," McMahon said, but in this economy he wonders if the county can afford a CAO. His comment reflects the saying that if you're going to pay people peanuts, don't be surprised if you get a few monkeys.

He says the county needs someone with strong accounting and computer skills.

McMahon was at the personnel committee meeting with Savino. The warden says he was concerned that the proposed contract "seemed to be protecting (Savino) 100 percent and nothing for the county."

For instance, Savino was being offered a three-year contract with the guarantee that if at the end of the second year council wanted to terminate Savino's employment, he would still be paid for the third year. "We had to get that spelt out of him," says McMahon, although eventually that did remain as part of the agreement.

In essence, if Savino was going to pay the costs of uprooting his home and family, he wanted some sort of job guarantee. McMahon says that in turning down the job, Savino told them that he had decided not to make the move when he was so close to retiring from the municipal field.

When contacted by the Echo, Savino did not want to publicly comment on his reason for turning down the job twice. "My views were personal," he said last week. "Whatever decisions I made are best left in camera..."

"It's a very nice place. Anything other than that stays within my personal assessments." Council will next be meeting on January 5.

Minden gets go-ahead on housing

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A few days before Christmas, the Staunworth housing corporation got the best present ever — some good news.

Last week, the province announced it was giving approval for 40 non-profit housing units, to be built under the jobsOntario program. This is part of a province-wide project to build 2,800 units.

"We're pretty happy to see it," says Jerry Rome, chairman of the corporation which lobbies for affordable housing for the residents of Stanhope, Anson, Hindon and Minden and Lutterworth townships.

"I think we're due for some good news."

Staanworth has been proposing the units for the past three years, and already has permission from AHM council to build the apartments across from the present Staunworth facilities (next door to the community centre in Minden.)

Although details have yet to be worked out, the plan is to build 20 regular units and 20 supportive housing units. Supportive housing is a good idea whose time has come in the Highlands. It's for seniors and people with disabilities who need help in maintaining their independence, but who aren't quite ready to move into a senior citizens home such as Hyland Crest.

"These people still have a certain amount of independence but some need a little bit of help and they need to know it's there," says Rome.

For instance, the residents who moved into the first Staunworth facility in 1984 are also nine years older, and their needs have changed. They might not need round-the-clock nursing care available, but maybe they need a room in the building where a nurse could come and visit every few days. Another suggestion is having a common dining area,

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HHSS student thinks of the less fortunate at Christmas

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

Around Christmas time a lot of kids are thinking about what THEY want. So it was a little unusual to come across Tiffini Cowan, 14, who decided to donate a goodly portion of her babysitting earnings to a needy cause just before Christmas.

"I feel a lot of people aren't getting enough (help)," said Cowan after she gave \$50 to Kinark Child and Family Services in Haliburton.

Cowan said she felt fortunate to come from a family that would find much of what it wanted under the tree on Christmas morning.

So she welcomed the chance to share some of her good fortune.

Cowan, a Grade 9 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, heard a Toronto talk radio show last week that gave her the inspiration to make a sacrifice to help others.

The radio station matched donors with needy families and one story in particular caught Cowan's attention.

A young boy answered the telephone when the radio station called to tell his single mother the family would receive \$210 from a donor for Christmas. She had been laid off work and a shortage of money had forced her to delay her family's Christmas celebrations until March.

But when her son was told of the donation he asked the radio station to send them just \$150 and give the other \$100 to his dad, who didn't have a winter coat.

"I thought it was really great,"

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Remember 1993?

What was the temperature in Haliburton on February 27?

Which famous composer came to Haliburton Forest last summer?

What did Creighton Feir see on a Haliburton street in March that pleased him so?

Who quit in May?

And September?

How much did the Wace Report cost? What was the Wace Report?

Privies and the Ministry of Natural Resources. What's the scoop?

What was the vote count for the new warden?

The answers to these, and other scintillating questions on the outgoing year can be found on page 13, 14 and 15 as the Echo takes a look back at 1993.



CHRISTMAS GIVING: Tiffini Cowan, 14, got into the spirit of the season by donating some of her babysitting earnings to Kinark Child and Family Services in Haliburton. Program director John Penn accepted the donation, which will be used for children's books and toys for the centre's play room.

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